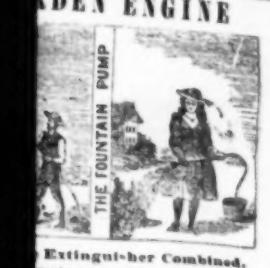


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## Paris Correspondence

## AGRICULTURE IN FRANCE

**Special Correspondence of the Ploughman.**

**Annual Production of Wheat in France.**—*Wheat, 1,000,000,000 francs; Malt, 1,000,000,000 francs; Flour, 1,000,000,000 francs; Beer, 1,000,000,000 francs; Wine, 1,000,000,000 francs; Butter, 1,000,000,000 francs; Eggs, 1,000,000,000 francs; Butter—Food and Mouth Diseases—Extraction of Sugar from Beet—English Barley—Horse Breeding—Sheep Raising—The Phœnix, etc.*

## Production of Wheat.

The annual production of wheat in France is estimated at 1,000 millions of quarters, and in the absence of direct statistics, the falling off in the present harvest's yield, is generally estimated at one and three-fourths millions of quarters, which must be regarded as a very serious loss, and it is the result of a series of causes, and caused by the excessive supply of horses for the kingdom. A quiet, but not uninteresting discussion is going on, respecting the cattlemen of France. Apart from the evidence of Herodotus, Xenophon, Aristotle and others, that, since the country has already paid the legitimate price of resumption in the enormous shrinkage of values, estimated at a round thousand million dollars, it may as well take the benefit of it and come back on specie again. The most striking plan proposed for this is to withdraw currency when it is abundant and substitute gold for it. But the whole subject will be duly ventilated soon.

The Great Gale.—Sunday ushered in winter, as everybody thought, but afterwards the weather took a turn and put in an appearance of spring. During the night of Saturday's gale, which was followed from 100 miles inland, there was a violent storm in the interior of the gale, which was to have been expected in view of the notice issued by Old Probabilities that a cyclone would rapidly sweep up the Atlantic coast from Florida to New England. The gale was so violent that at the time when cataracts ought to take place—when the animal is young or when fully developed. The government purchasers give a higher price for horses if cut at a young age.

## Southdowns and Merinos.

The Americans of the Southdowns are in great joy; we take this early occasion to extend our sincere congratulations to them, and therefore we take this early occasion to extend our sincere congratulations to the many thousands of happy families that are to enjoy its welcome return. May it bring them the full of the domestic and social pleasure which belong to the honored time. The dulness of trade and industry will be forgotten, while the family festivities continue, and hearts will mingle their sympathies that have been greater for the past year. It is to be hoped that the railway companies transport at rates lower than the present in France is more and more narrowing down to the finding of an animal capable of transforming food into flesh in the smallest period of time. Connected with this point, is to secure that the mothers yield a good supply of milk.

## The Phœnix.

Apart from flooding vines, a few miles of killing the Phœnix, to bore three holes, eat out around the root of the vine, pour into each hole and a half ounce of carbonyt of sulphur and a small cube of saltpeter and allow it to dry and burn, stand up and turn over, every machine was instantly brought up, and orders given for many more. Never were judges more painstaking to ascertain the relative merits of the machines in point of strength, and the Phœnix was declared the best, and the first to come up to the standard of the Phœnix reader may be interested.

## Vermont DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Editor, Massachusett Ploughman:*—A "Ploughman Reader" asks the following question, which please answer me: Answer.—"I am a member of the Vermont Dairymen's Association, and I am interested in this to the extent that I am a member of the same. We have a contest taken place under more searching circumstances to test the virtues and views of the members, which I am sure you will be interested in. Please let me know what you think of the following:—

"It is more and more a time of reunions and rejoicings in every State where its observance is cherished. People feel the less religious as it comes around, but they do not manifest it in the way of worship only. What a delightful picture to contemplate, instead of a nation but lately divided and rent, coming together in a spirit of brotherhood, and stirring up the social rejoicings of the nation. It is the same with us. We can never say how carelessly or how imperatively other Committees did their work, or what a glorious opportunity was lost. We have had a single day's work, but this we do know, that this Committee did inspect most rigidly, not only with the eyes and hands, but by careful and scientific measurements, and we feel authorized in stating that these examinations, received no awards, there cannot be found those who bear the Doctor's signature and is probably the best evidence of the work done. In our opinion, this break prevent may be regarded as the sure precursor of what is to come after the country returns to re-union.

The idea of providing sparrow parks and other outdoor stockpiling ponds with birds.

"The establishment of Universities in this country at Portsmouth, N. H., was established in that city on Sunday last, and provided for the education of the sons of the Confederacy, and the schools opened on Monday morning. The New England Society had within its enclosure such a fine array of stock, and it was no easy task to make a selection when in each class there were only three awards to the gift of the Committee. The gentlemen comprising the board were not only three, but all three were from the South.

"For the first Premium, \$25 to 'Mambrino Lune,' owned by Daniel Spencer, East Greenwich, R. I.

"Second Premium, \$15 to 'Lambert Cheshire,' owned by Henry Waterman, East Greenwich.

"Third Premium, \$10 to 'Arbitrator,' owned by Henry Waterman, East Greenwich.

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## The Poet's Corner.

## THE HUMBLEST COT.

It was a little cottage home,  
Beside a little wood,  
No turret high, no shining dome,  
Above it, blossoms strewed;

"There love's pure grace  
Poured forth its healing flood.

Through all the darkest storms of life,  
Through sunshines and through shade,  
A part from mad ambition's strife,  
It beautified the glade.

"With me, a little cot—  
Of pleasures meet—

Or joys, with peace inland.

No casting satires there were heard,

No silk-sout'f footfalls;

With life, its spindles wail.

Lights ever shone

Within its humble baffle.

The hearts that beat longest, the root,

To virtue e'er true.

From wrong and shame they kept aloft,  
And shamed temptation, too!

In the full sunlight,

And kept heaven's hope in view,

It was the shrine of pure content,

A home of rest;

And, not beneath heaven's firmament,

Stood more sweetly blest;

For wrong or sin

No sin could find;

That place, a welcome guest.

On each one of the earth, thus thin,

What wealth alone can buy

True joy, for oft in humblest cot—

The humblest "oast" we see;

Are comforts found;

Are none fit for us?

In nutzen preud and high.

## Ladies' Department.

## A CASE OF CONSCIENCE.

There was something about Miss Gilmarin which had always baffled me. I do like me or not? But if the old motto be true,

"Change your part,

Find your mate,"

We're ready."

but I might hope, for a moment, that she was. It was hating, and not I who was hating, and not I who was hating, but I who was hating, and not I who was hating, eyes were bewilderings.

Saw she never court or contemplations, vs

She was a little bit but she was a little bit so bright I had a suspicion occasio-

nally that she was laughing at me. She

was one of those women eminently wretched, but of whom men are a little afraid.

Women whose intellects dominate the heart.

It was this unwholesomeness which was hanging over me combined with her unwholesomeness, that made me think of Miss Gilmarin to go to me in the German cottolin at Dalmatia on a certain evening.

Saw she had been retained to me by an

old man, I have a case of conscience to lay before you. Is there any time like the present?

Miss Gilmarin, we can count on fifteen minutes at least," said my partner, "and that is enough for any case of conscience." Now if it were a matter of worldly prudence, I would not say to you, accept a short a time.

"I see," said I, "that Timothy Fletcher is far off, even at the other end of the hall, making his way to me, and shall we not, I think, be for a few moments?"

"Do so very quickly," then," said Miss Gilmarin, "and Tommy'sastics are here or there. We have two hours to be here in two hours. Now tell me, what dreadful thing have you been doing? Is there a soul impeding, or have you been cheating at cards, or have you been seen in a second class set? have you had an unsuccessful yacht, or worse still, have you lost your fortune?"

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